THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e) No, Sir. The Institute is producing high quality doctors who have obtained admission through regorous All India Entrance Examination. The academic standard of the Institute has been consistently high, as the students/doctors are not only exposed to the latest medical advances and state-of-the-art medical technology, but to a complex clinical, hands-on experience. The quality of doctors passing out from the Institute is recognized and appreciated by hospitals and research/ academic institutions in India and overseas.

In the postgraduate entrance test conducted by the Institute, some of the graduates of AIIMS do secure very high ranks. However, it is also true that several students do not rank in the top hundered. The matter regarding institutional reservation in PG seats in the Institute is pending in the Supreme Court and the matter is sub-judice.

Advance fee for Operations at AIIMS for CGHS Beneficiaries

3466. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE bepleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS beneficiaries undergoing bypass surgery and other life saving operations at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, are required to pay in advance the fees of operations by means of Cheque in favour of the Institute;

(b) if so, the reasons for not simplifying the procedure so as to ensure that AIIMS undertakes the operation and prefers claim from the concerned department, to save the patient from the agony of running here and there for getting the amount sanctioned and loss of precious time for early treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India, Ministry of Health has issued the order on 13th January, 2000, where it has requested the Departments/Ministeries to give 90% advance to AIIMS, New Delhi, before commencement of the treatment procedure.

Supply of Medicines by Blacklisted Companies

3467. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding supply

of medicines to Delhi Government Medical Stores Depot (GMSD) by some blacklisted companies, against whom investigations are pending; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken against the officials involved?

THEMINISTER OF STATEINTHE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Health Care Expenditure

† 3468. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH: SHRIKAPILSIBAL:

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a higher percentage of G.D.P. is spent on health in America, Japan, France, England, Germany, Australia, etc. than that fixed in India;

(b) if so, the percentage of average annual expenditure incurred on Health in each of the above countries and India in the decade of 90's; and

(c) whether this percentage was increased in India in the decade of 90's, if so.what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) A statement showing total health expenditure as percentage of G.D.P. for the periods 1995 and 1997 in selected countries is annexed *{See* below). As per this statement there is a marginal decline in health expenditure as a percentage of G.D.P. in India during 1997 as compared to 1995.

Statement

Total Health Expenditure as a Percentage of G.D.P. for Selected Countries

		Total Health Expenditure as % age of G.D.P.	
SI.No.	Name of the country	around 1995	1997
1.	America (U.S.A.)	14.0	13.7
2.	Japan	7.2	7.1
3.	France	9.7	9.8
4.	England (U.K.)	6.9	5.8
5.	Germany	10.5	10.5

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.